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1. AFTER CABINET MEETING AUG. 24, FONMIN OHIRA MET WITH PRESS AND MADE FOUR POINTS CONCERNING GOJ DECISIONS RELATIVE TO RELATIONS WITH ROK: (A) ROKG HAS AGREED WITH GOJ THAT MINISTERIAL MEETINGS SCHEDULED FOR SEPT. 7-8 WILL BE POSTPONED AND HELD AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER OHIRA RETURNS FROM EUROPEAN VISIT (MID OCTOBER); (B) GOJ DOES NOT INTEND TO CHANGE ITS BASIC POLICY TOWARD ROK; (C) GOJ WILL CONTINUE TO DISCUSS ECONOMIC COOPERATION WITH ROKG BUT WILL DO SO THROUGH NORMAL DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS; (D) GOJ WISHES TO SEE CLARIFICATION AND SETTLEMENT OF KIM CASE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

2. IN PRESS BACKGROUNDER AUGUST 23 OHIRA HAD ADUMBRATED CABINET DECISION AND HIS OWN STATEMENT ON SEVERAL POINTS; WITH REFERENCE TO YOMIURI STORY (REFTEL) WHICH HAD ALREADY UNCLASSIFIED

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APPEARED, OHIRA INSISTED THAT GOJ WAS STILL NOT SURE

OF ANY ROKG INVOLVEMENT. HOWEVER, HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT ROKG DECISION TO CLOSE YOMIURI OFFICE IN SEOUL (INASMUCH AS YOMIURI REFUSED TO RETRACT ALLEGATIONS OF ROKG INVOLVEMENT) WOULD CREATE ONE MORE DIFFICULT ISSUE FOR GOJ-ROK RELATIONS, FACT WHICH HE DEPLORED. MENTIONING PROBABLE POSTPONMENT OF MINISTERIAL MEETING, OHIRA SAID THAT GOJ IN ANY CASE WISHED TO RETURN TO ORIGINAL CHARACTER OF THESE CONSULTATIONS WHICH HAD BEEN MORE GENERAL AND POLITICAL IN NATURE. IN RECENT YEARS, HOWEVER, CONSULTATIONS HAD BECOME INCREASINGLY NARROW AND FOCUSED ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY ON ECONOMIC QUESTIONS. OHIRA SAID GOJ WOULD PREFER THAT AID BE NEGOTIATED THROUGH NORMAL DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS RATHER THAN AT MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE..

3. YOMIURI SHIMBUN SOURCE TELLS US THAT SEOUL OFFICE WILL CLOSE AUGUST 24 AND THREE CORRESPONDENTS RETURN SAME DAY TO JAPAN SINCE YOMIURI CHOSE THIS ALTERNATIVE RATHER THAN AGREE TO RETRACTION OF ITS ARTICLE.
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